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Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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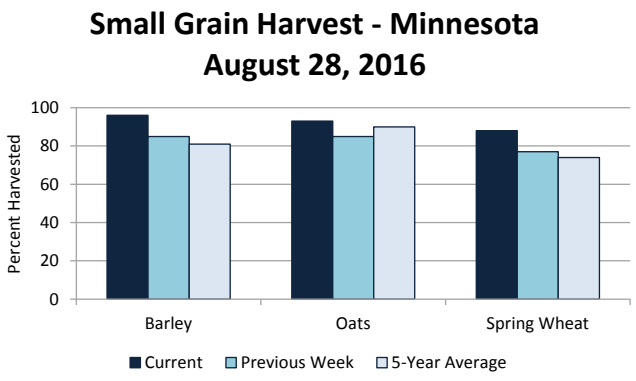
Periodic rainfall kept field conditions fairly damp, limiting Minnesota farmers to 4.3 **days suitable for fieldwork** during the week ending August 28, 2016, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The wet conditions continued to be a challenge for the harvest of small grains and hay in some areas. There were some reports of disease in soybeans, particularly across southern Minnesota. Field activities for the week included harvesting hay and small grains, lifting sugarbeets, and harvesting sweet corn.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus.

Fifty-eight percent of the **corn** acreage was in or beyond the dent stage, 6 days ahead of the five-year average. Corn condition rated 85 percent good to excellent. Twelve percent of the **soybean** crop was turning color, 2 days behind the average and 5 days behind last year. Soybean condition rated 80 percent good to excellent. Eighty-eight percent of the **spring wheat** acreage had been harvested, 11 days ahead of average, but a week behind last year. Ninety-three percent of the **oat** crop for grain was harvested, 3 days ahead of average, but 3 days behind last year. **Barley** harvest is nearing completion, with 96 percent of the crop harvested. Sixty-five percent of the **dry edible bean crop** was turning color, 8 days ahead of average. Dry edible bean condition rated 68 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 58 percent good to excellent. One-quarter of the **potato** acreage had been harvested, a week ahead of average. Potato condition rated 90 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from last week. Five percent of the **sugarbeet** crop had been harvested. Sugarbeet condition was rated 87 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 75 percent complete. **Pasture** condition rated 76 percent good to excellent.



Crop Condition as of August 28, 2016

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	3	11	59	26
Dry ed. beans	3	6	23	55	13
Pasture	1	6	17	58	18
Potatoes	0	2	8	61	29
Soybeans	1	3	16	57	23
Sugarbeets	1	3	9	27	60
Sunflowers	2	3	37	50	8

Soil Moisture Supplies as of August 28, 2016

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture	0	2	76	22
Subsoil moisture	0	3	77	20

Crop Progress as of August 28, 2016

	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	4.3	3.5	5.3	5.8

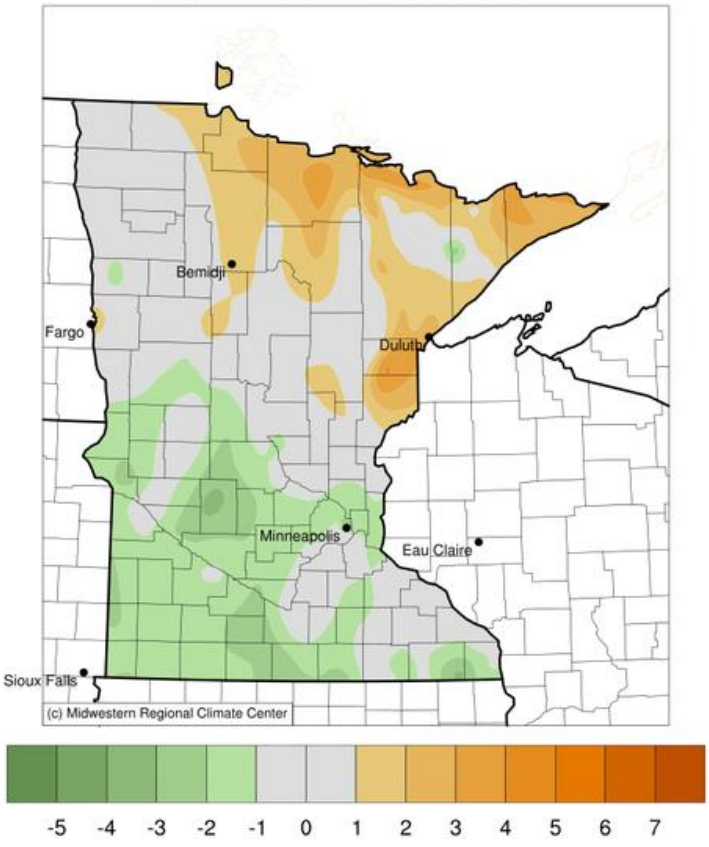
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested	96	85	95	81
Corn dough	95	90	94	82
Corn dented	58	31	56	42
Dry ed. beans coloring	65	36	74	42
Dry ed. beans drop leaves	9	(NA)	35	16
Hay, alfalfa, third cutting	75	70	71	(NA)
Oats harvested	93	85	96	90
Potatoes harvested	25	16	23	18
Soybeans coloring	12	6	22	15
Spring wheat harvested	88	77	94	74
Sugarbeets harvested	5	2	5	2

(NA) Not available.

Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending August 28, 2016

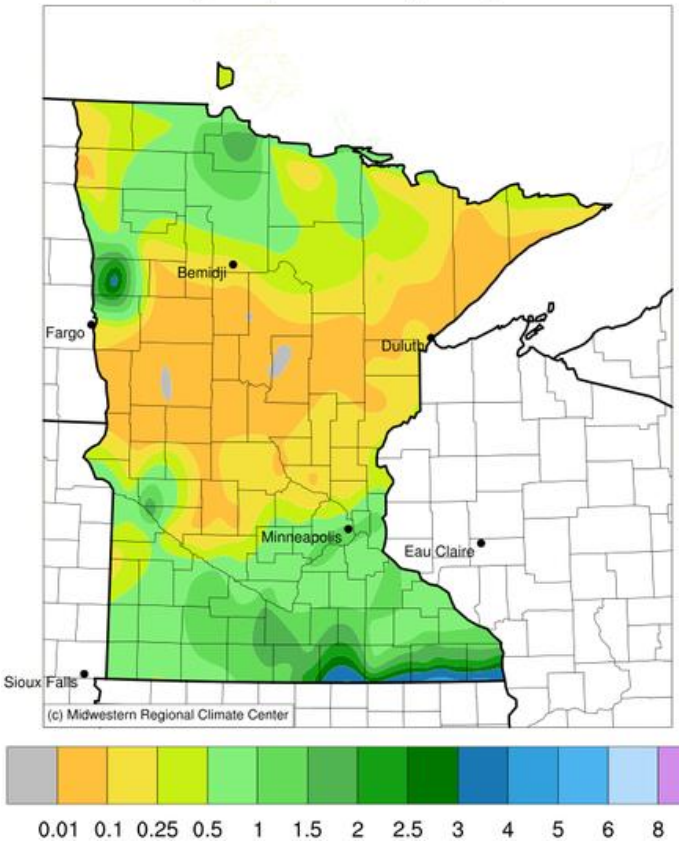
Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals

August 22, 2016 to August 28, 2016



Accumulated Precipitation (in)

August 22, 2016 to August 28, 2016



National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html

Growing Degree Days can be found at https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/